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Mt. Diablo chapter of Daughters of Utah Pioneers is organized in Concord

By Boots Barrus

Charter Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, abbreviated as the DUP, was organized on Jan. 28, 1970, at the home of Sis. Fern Pike, Stake Relief Society President, by Anna Lee Spencer, President of Contra Costa Company.

She was assisted by Sis. LaVonne Johnson, Northern California REgional Representative and Francella Larsen accompanied them and led the new members in singing the songs of this organization. Sis. Spencer gave a resume of the organization and related its duties and functions. She conducted the election of officers with the following sisters being elected to the first offices of this organization in the Concord Stake. Charter Captain is Twila Caldwell; Vice Captain, Afton King; Historian, Fern Pike; Registrat, Trudy Fountain; Sec. & Treas., Suzann Moffett; Parliamentarian and Chaplain, Elaine Lowder; Organist, Enid Young and Chorister, Boots Barrus.

Charter Captain of the first DUP Camp of the Concord Stake is Twila Caldwell, member of the Oakgrove Ward. She resides at 11 Keswick Lane, Concord.

The name selected for this camp, by unanimous decision, was the Mt. Diablo Chapter DUP, and a tentative night, the third Wednesday of each month selected for the Camp meeting with each member acting as hostess for her month.

Sis. Pike, being the first hostess, served refreshments to the guests and charter members who were: Twila Caldwell, Trudy Fountain, Barbara Hollingshead, Boots Barrus, Afton King, Ruby Adams, Twyla Back, Helen Fellows, Suzzane Moffett, Elaine Lowder, Dixie Porter, Joan Snow, Enid Young, Myrtale Dickson, Anna Lee Spencer, Francella Larsen and LaVonne Johnson.

An invitation is extended to all eligible women of the Concord Stake to join the Mt. Diablo Camp. Further information can be obtained by contacting Capt. Twila Caldwell or any of the charter members. Our congratulations to these ladies who have pioneered the way in this Stake in organizing this camp.

Everyone enjoys President Smith's humorous comment on the fact that he did not have a union card. But the cornerstone box was securely encased anyway. Story on Page 6.

(Robert McCrea Photo)

Auditions for Temple Pageant in progress

Auditions for those who would like to participate in this year's Temple Pageant "And It Came to Pass," are being held at the Inter-Stake Center Saturday, April 4, and at the Palo Alto Ward, Saturday, April 11, according to Darrell E. Williams, producer.

Williams said more information will be forthcoming from the Stake Mutual Improvement Associations in the Bay Area Stakes.

Williams stressed that in addition to young people, there are also several openings for adults in the production.

Interested persons should submit a resume of their experience to one of the following regional co-chairmen as listed below:

Mrs. Callie Kelly, 132 Draeger Drive, Moraga; Mrs. Cloween Leuze, 3721 Southwood Ave., San Mateo; Roy Allen, 825 Pollard Road, Los Gatos; William Creer, 16985 Lamont Ct., Castro Valley; or Darrell Williams, 1084 Hacienda Drive, Walnut Creek.

The pageant, first presented in 1964 in conjunction with the dedication of the Oakland Temple, was last presented in 1968 when approximately 30,000 people attended the nine performances at the Inter-Stake Center in Oakland.

This year's pageant will be performed 12 times during the last week of July and the first week of August by a cast of more than 1,500 representing the Stakes of the Church in most of Northern California. It is expected that approximately 36,000 persons will witness this year's production.

Castro Valley Concert will be May 8

Friday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Castro Valley Chapel, 3900 Seven Hills Road, the San Leandro Stake Relief Society will present a Spring Music Concert, "Come Unto Me." Donations are $5 per family, or $1.50 per person. Refreshments will be served.

Samuel Taylor to write for Messenger

By The Editor

The editors of The Messenger are proud to introduce a new monthly column by noted Mormon author and movie writer Samuel W. Taylor. The column, beginning in this month's edition, will be devoted to the history of the Church in Northern California, centering in the Bay Area and covering the time period from the days of Sam Brannan to the present.

Samuel Wolley Taylor is a descendant of two noted pioneer families the Taylors and the Woolleys. He is the grandson of John Taylor, third president of the Church, and son of Apostle John Taylor. While still a student of Brigham Young University he began publishing in national magazines and has been a professional writer ever since, doing fact and fiction, long and short stories, articles, serials and he has written 10 books.

"Uranium Fever, or No Talk Under $1,000,000,000" is the title of his eleventh book which is due to come out in April. It is about the first uranium boom, and how he helped make a motion picture of it, and of the present boom; and of the many crazy things that happened. Since it happened in Mormon country it has a strong flavor of the locale.

He has worked in Hollywood, or "Lotus Land" as he calls it, doing motion pictures, and radio and television scripts. Probably his best known work is his original story for Walt Disney's "Absent Minded Professor."

Three of his books have been on Mormon subjects. Kenneth B. Hunsaker says in the current issue of "Dialogue" that Sam's book "Family Kingdom" is the best Mormon biography since 1940. Another book "Heaven Knows Why" is cited by Hunsaker as "the best treatment of Mormons as a people," and "the most delightful of all Mormon novels."

An article this writer did on his father's family for "Holiday" magazine was used by the United States Department for world wide distribution as Americana. Another piece published in the same magazine was used in Mulder and Mortensen's "Among the Mormons" in which they say, "No talented native son knows Utah better than Samuel W. Taylor or writes about it so gaily and aptly."

He will also be remembered by "Messenger" readers for his generous contributions in teaching courses in creative writing during Education weeks in Northern California.

In addition to all these gifts he has a real talent for being a very fine fellow. Presently he and his wife, Gay, and their daughter live in Redwood City.

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Oakland Fourth Ward earns by taking inventory for department store

Nearly 120 members of the Oakland Fourth Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake, recently met at Montgomery Wards in Oakland to count some $4,000,000 worth of merchandise for Wards semi-annual inventory. According to ward finance chairman, Roger Clyde, Oakland 4th earned $1,059 for one night's work.

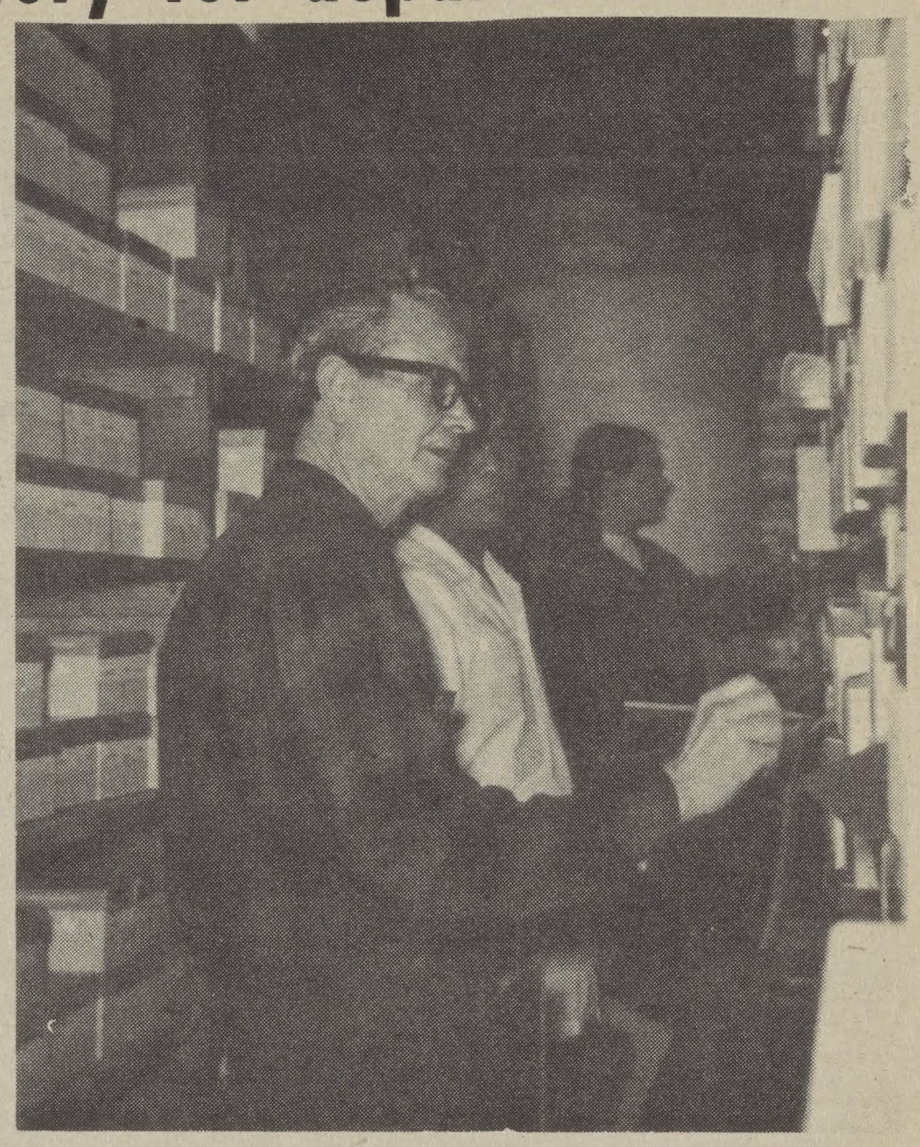
Bishop Dale Roe said the members, many of whom were from the Spanish Branch, the Temple Indian Branch, and the Polynesian Ward, all of which are associated with the Oakland 4th Ward, began arriving at 6:30 p.m. and worked until midnight. Most of them had experience in this kind of work.

Oakland 4th Ward's inventory projects, which are becoming increasingly popular in wards in the Church, net approximately $4,000 annually for the ward. About half goes to pay the stake welfare assessment, and the rest goes to the Ward budget.

The ward works Montgomery Wards twice a year, and Capwell's once a year, plus several other stores, including Super S Drugs.

This method of raising money for the wards seems to have started in the Walnut Creek Stake, according to finance chairman Roger Clyde. Now, many wards are beginning to do it.

The Stake coordinator for inventory jobs is Eugene Hilton. Larry Johnson is president of the Oakland Fourth Ward Elders Quorum.



INVENTORY—Left to Right; Claude Kerr, Fred Rivera, and Karen Egger, all members of the Oakland 4th Ward inventory team.

Trudy Jensen, William Ostler wed Feb. 6

By Marguerite Belz

On Feb. 6, 1970, Trudy Marie Jensen became the bride of William Ostler, son of President and Mrs. Orval Ostler, in the Temple in Salt Lake City.

Trudy is the daughter of the Ward Jensen's of Salt Lake City.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Leslie O. Stone, president of the Salt Lake Temple, and who prior to his present calling served as president of the Oakland Temple and later as regional director. All members of their immediate families were present for the wedding.

Following their marriage, the just weds were honored at a lovely luncheon given by the groom's parents in the Lyon House. They then left for Lake Tahoe where they spent their honeymoon in the lakeside home of President and Mrs. Gifford Jackson.

Before returning to Provo, where they are now living and attending BYU, Bill and Trudy greeted friends at a reception in the home of Bill's parents in Castro Valley.

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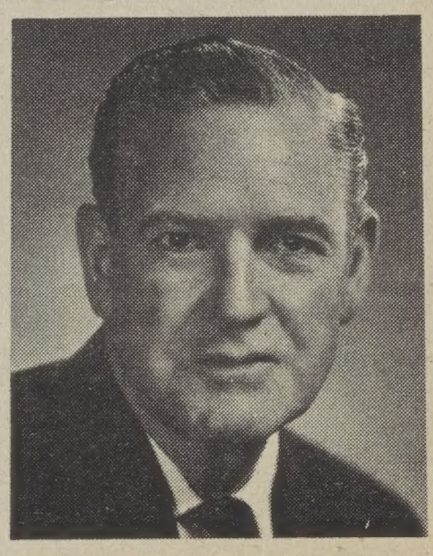

Foundation presents medal to Eva Mae Perakis

Mrs. Eva Mae Perakis of 10724 Bancroft St. has been awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation at Falley Forge.

Mrs. Perakis won the award for a patriotic pageant presented last Memorial Day at Evergreen Cemetery. She wrote and directed the presentation entitled "A Vision of Freedom."

Eva Mae Perakis, member of San Leandro Second Ward, was recently released as Gospel Doctrine teacher for the last six years.

Freedoms Foundation each year honors persons and organizations that promote a better understanding of the American way of life.

Mrs. Perakis is chairman of the General Memorial Day Committee which also won a George Washington Honor Medal for organizing most of the 1969 Memorial Day services in Alameda County.

Mrs. Perakis, who says her hobby is promoting Americanism, has been associated with six winning organizations during the past ten years, but this was the first time she won a personal award.

Solemn assembly called to sustain new president

By Henry A. Smith
LDS Church Press Secretary

Salt Lake City–By official appointment of the First Presidency members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble Monday, April 6, at 10 a.m. in Solemn Assembly in the famed Mormon Tabernacle on Temple Square.

Purpose of the assembly will be for sustaining President Joseph Fielding Smith and his counselors, President Harold B. Lee and President N. Eldon Tanner, who constitute the newly appointed First Presidency, it will be one of the general sessions of the 140th annual general conference which is scheduled for April 4, 5, and 6.

It will be the first such Solemn Assembly since the one held in April, 1951, when the late President David O. McKay and his counselors were sustained. The procedure will follow that of the 1951 assembly which has been the pattern used to sustain each new presidency since John Taylor and his counselors were named in 1880.

The manner of voting to sustain the new officers will be different from the ordinary general conference and will be new to many people in attendance.

Voting procedure will be by separate quorums of the priesthood first and then by the general assembly including the priesthood. The Special Order of voting will be followed for the sustaining of the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve and the Patriarch to the Church.

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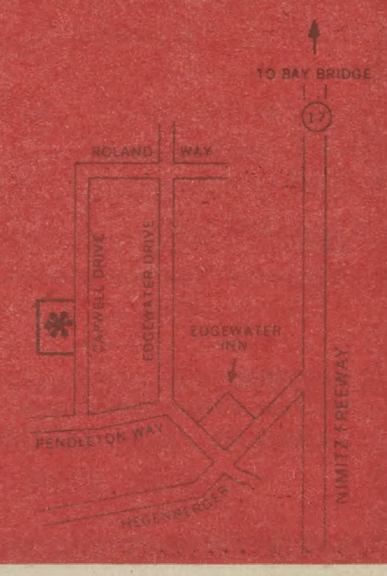

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Fremont Ward sponsors the D's...Dick and Duane

By Dorothy A. Spoon

The D's—"Dick and Duana," Capitol recording artists, will appear in a concert May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Interstake Center.

This is a building fund project, with Brother Wayne McKinlay of Fremont Ward as building fund chairman. Fremont Ward families will be contacted prior to May 9 for a donation. Tickets are available for sale throughout Fremont Stake and Hayward Stake, and will be available at the door at the Interstake Center on the 9th of May. A full house will help to defer expenses and add to the building fund, and an evening of great entertainment is assured.

The D's fast-paced shows have drawn plaudits from audiences throughout the United States, Canada, and the Far East. They have appeared on national television with such entertainmers as Joey Bishop, Bob Newhart, Jonathon Winters, and Bob Hope.

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Both lettered in basketball, baseball and track and co-captained the high school football team, made up tennis doubles, shared dramatic roles and double-dated. Duane was student body president, while Dick was president of the priesthood quorum.

They both entered Brigham Young University on academic scholarships and made the honor roll. After the first year at college, their paths separated temporarily while Dick went on his mission in the Northwestern States Mission and Duane labored in the mission field in the South Pacific for two years. After which they completed their college education at BYU and Dick graduated with a speech and hearing therapy degree and Duane with a degree in journalism.

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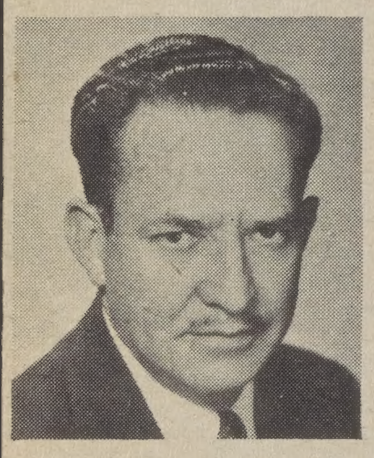

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(Pyle Photography)

By Nell Smith
Associate Editor

"And the call of President Joseph Fielding Smith to walk in the path of the prophets follows the pattern of the past. His voice will now speak those words and carry that message which the Lord has for his people at this hour of trial and turmoil in a sin-burdened world." (Bruce R. McConkie)

As this issue of the "Messenger" is being read President Smith will have presided at his first general conference as Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and we reflect on the occasions when he presided over East Bay congregations.

Prior to the time when the Saints in this area had taken on the amoeba characteristics of dividing from one Oakland Stake to many stakes of Zion, quarterly conferences were held in the Scottish Rite Temple on the shores of Lake Merritt.

President Elmo Smith, Oakland-Berkeley stake, vividly recalls a conference held there when he was a counselor on the Oakland stake presidency. Since the stake president, Delbert Wright, and Milton P. Ream, the other counselor, happened to be in Europe, the responsibility of the stake conference fell upon his shoulders.

At the last minute he received word that it would be President Joseph Fielding Smith who would be the "conference visitor" and he was to be met at the Hayward airport then not much more than an abandoned tomato field. President Elmo recalls his amazement as he watched a Utah National Guard jet land and four officers escort President Smith from the plane!

"President Smith is a very thorough man," reported President Elmo. "We immediately proceeded with conference business stopping briefly to inspect the progress of the San Lorenzo Ward chapel which was being constructed under the direction of Bishop Richard S. Smeads.

"And only then was it explained that President Smith was pressed for time and had accepted the invitation of a young friend, a jet pilot in the Utah National Guard, to fly him to his assignment and thereby log some needed flight time. A very interesting man," President Elmo concluded.

At conference next day Lt. Col. Louis Leatham, the pilot, related that President Smith sat next to him in the cabin all the way and expressed his desire to learn to sit at the controls. The Prophet's life span in transportation spreads from covered wagon to jet plane.

It was a joyous occasion for the Saints of Hayward Stake when President Smith presided over a Hayward Stake Conference held in the newly completed San Lorenzo ward. At this time it was a happy privilege for the members to sustain the late dearly loved Patriarch Owen L. Stewart when the President presented his name to the congregation.

Of course the most memorable visit was in May of 1963 when the Prophet flew to Oakland to lay the corner stone of the Temple. Those who attended heard the Tabernacle Choir sing President Smith's anthem, "We Are Watchmen On the Towers of Zion," with Sister Jessie Evans Smith singing the solo.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH—third from right, is surrounded by all of the Stake presidents of the Northern California Temple District.

(Robert McCrea Photo)

THE SALT LAKE TABERNACLE CHOIR—seen in the Interstake Center at the completion of a Northern California concert tour at which time they sang in the San Francisco Opera House but triumphantly sang at the site of the Oakland Temple.

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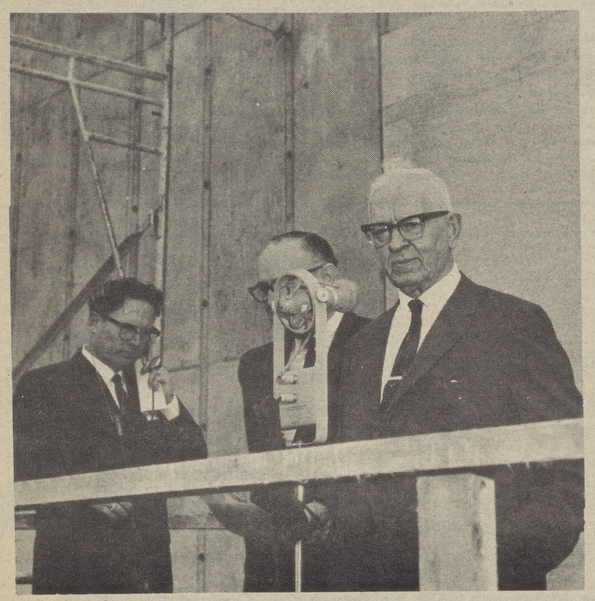

CURT BYBEE—Oakland-Berkeley Stake, left, broadcasts the action over closed-circuit television as President Smith prepares to begin the Temple corner stone laying proceedings.

(Pyle Photo)

A HAPPY MOMENT—President and Sister Smith enjoy the singing of the Choir during the ceremonies preceding the Temple corner stone laying.

Close To Home

The Ward News In Review

Castro Valley

By Marguerite Belz

Kudos to Mrs. Gregoris, mother of Bob Henderson's wife, Marie, for her culinary excellence! No ordinary spaghetti dinner was this for it was an adventure in fine Italian cuisine such as most of us had never tasted before . . . marinated roast chicken, homemade noodles and special homebaked bread. Assisting Mrs. Gregoris were George Blazin, Winnifred Martin and Iona Eelsing.

Most welcome visitors at a recent Sacrament service were Dorisse Coats and her daughter, Mrs. Kathy Betz, former members of our Ward. Now a resident of Hawaii. Sister Coats first returned to the mainland during January to be with her son, Brian Kelly, who lost an eye in a gun accident in Provo where he is a freshman at BYU. A short time later, she again came back to the Bay Area to be with Kathy who had been told that she would require surgery that could prove serious - but happily and miraculously did not.

Mission

By Leonard W. Cryer

One who stands out in Mission Ward is Iving Young Bigelow, High Priest Group leader. He has also been a counselor in the ward's bishopric, a ward clerk, General Secretary-Youth, Scoutmaster, to name a few of his other callings.

Both he and his wife, Ida, were born in the Covenant, and, like their worthy, righteous parents, they were married for time and eternity in a House of the Lord. They have many children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren, who were raised righteously.

He served a mission in what is now our 50th Stake, Hawaii, before World War I. One of his treasured mementos of this mission is a large volume of the Holy Bible in the Hawaiian language.

For almost 40 years, he was active in Scouting, and only retired from these activities in 1969. He holds the Silver Beaver badge, one of the highest awards in Scouting.

On Oct. 9, 1966, Iving Y. Bieglow received the honorary Master M–Men award, from the San Francisco Stake.

Only one person a year, if any, receive this YMMIA award. His wife, Ida, in 1967, received the honorary Golden Gleaner award, for her years of faithful service in the YWMIA, which makes this couple one of a very select group of worthy brothers and sisters!

Newark

By Anna Lane

NOTICE–The day for the performance of the play "The Crucible," has been changed to May 1 at the Irvington Chapel at 8 p.m.

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The Blue and Gold Dinner for Pack 197 was held Friday, March 20, at the Centerville Chapel. Dinner was enjoyed by 180 people, Wayne Gilbert and family supplied the entertainment. Cub awards for the boys were given. Cakes that were made by the Cub Scouts and their fathers were displayed for prizes, then auctioned off under the direction of Kent Hunsaker, our Cubmaster.

Sister Burma Maughan, our Bishop's wife, is at home recuperating from a broken arm.

Kerry Westover fell and broke his leg at the roller skating rink on March 12, when the MIA group went there for a skating party.

Announcing: the birth of a baby boy to former LDSSA president, Royce Lynn Holyoak and his wife, the former Sue Ann Knowles, who was secretary for the organization. Lynn is serving as a corpsman in the Naval Hospital at Kodiak, Alaska.

With the return to popularity of sea bathing in the last half of the 19th century, women wore at least nine separate items of clothing, including undercorsets, long stockings and bonnets, as bathing garb.

Martinez

By Della Greathouse

The Martinez Ward Sacrament table is enhanced by a beautiful cover, donated by Sis. Itha Workman of Utah, (mother of Cheryl Cooper). A total of 500 hours, and approximately five miles of thread were put into the cover.

MIA Individual Awards were presented to: Sixth year–Pam McMillan, Nora Show, Vivian Wardle; Fifth – Cathy Stokes, Peggy Stokes, Linda Harrieth; Fourth–Diana McMillan, Diana Rudd, Susan Shaw, Sharon Wardle; Third– Valerie Cooper; Second–Susan Kennedy, Nancy Little, Leeann Renshaw; First–Janine Kennedy, Lori Renshaw.

MIA officers and teachers earning awards are: first year–Teddy Kennerson; Second– Jennes Shepherd, Cheryl Cooper; Third–Juanita Pierson; Sixth –Audrey Morgan; Twelfth–Bessie Duke; and Sixteenth–Estelle Seay.

New callings: Carol Lux - Den mother, John Adams - Assistant Ward Clerk and night security officer. Jeanne Stedman - Pres. Ward Choir, Catherine Woloff - Secretary of Ward Choir, Richard Nielsen - Priests Quorum Adv. and Assist. Explorer leader, Ron Frogget - Deacons Advisor, Connie Barri - Transportation chairman for Primary.

Peggy Merman - Primary library assist., Jeanne Phillips, Primary teacher, Claudia Nielsen, Teresa Peters and Nora Shaw, Special officers in Primary (pre-primary).

A necklace with a blue jewel was presented to the Martinez Primary President Melba Rudd from the Stake Primary for second highest increase (14 per cent) in attendance of children for 1969. Antioch was first with 15 per cent.

Sunset

By E. Hess

These are busy days at Sunset Ward. Spring is in the air, and Bishop Fred I. Robins and Counselors, are ever alert for new budding projects to correlate, balance, and weld into successful attainments for the membership. Sr. Karen Clarke, Primary Sunday School leader, has been anxious for good used or new toys or juvenile educactional game or puzzles for the play room.

City-wide news coverage has been given to Clark Stewart of the Sunday School leaders, with the unique Randalltown - miniature railroad project - A Tie to Yesteryear. Club members range in age from 17 to 70, and in profession from attorney, business executive, truck driver, to military personnel. Their bond is a common one - trains.

The Union Pacific Big Boy, the largest steam locomotive ever built in America. It's replica, only 1-87th the size of the original, its owner Clark Stewart. The former run was between Pocatello, Ida., and Laramie, Wy., where they service all the Big Boys. More than 2,000 people viewed the demonstration at Museum Way near Roosevelt Way. There is a public demonstration every third Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. President Ethel Salin and members of the Relief Society, had enjoyed visits to DeYoung Museum to view Cultural Lesson-Subjects with Sr. Jean Lauper, as narrator.

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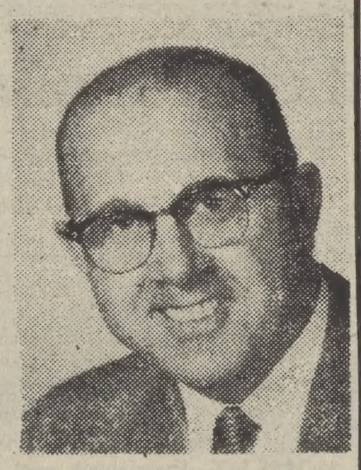

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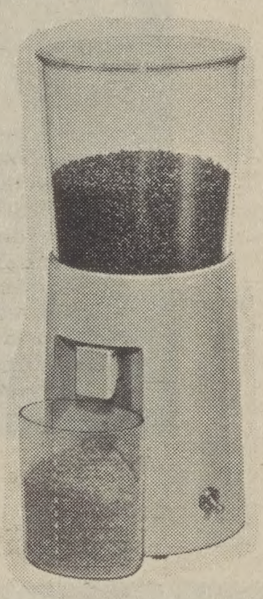

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Fremont team takes third in all-church tournament

By Dorothy A. Spoon

Handicapped by the absence of Coach Emerson Green, who remained at home in Fremont convalescing from an ear operation, and feeling the loss of a key teammate Dan Evans, who was with the Houston Astro's at spring training for the coming baseball season they only lost by 15 points with a score of 67 to 85. President Francisco B. Winkel, as their substitute coach, very ably took them through to win the first three games. The fourth game against Clearfield had double odds against them with Mac Winkel and Larry Cooper playing even though the "Flu Bug Gotem."

To be a participant in the All Church Basketball Tournament is the aim of over a thousand church teams throughout the United States, with only 48 teams attaining this end. This is the second year in a row for Fremont Ward Sr. Men's Basketball Team to reach this goal, of five days in a row of a steady grind of grueling basketball.

Fremont Team

"FLU BUG GOTEM"—Fremont Ward Sr. Men's Basketball team: Coach Emerson Green, Guy Wilkins, Richard Winkel, Frank Trythal, Ron Price, Larry Cooper, Dave Wilkins, Rex Patterson, Dan Evans and Mac Winkel, tied for third place in "The All Church Basketball Tournament" played March 9th to the 14th in Salt Lake City.

Photo by Al Scheuller

Stacy Swaner selected by ballet theater

By Marguerite Belz

Our budding ballerina, Stacy Swaner, 9-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Swaner, was recently selected from an audition of over 200 aspiring ballerinas by Eric Bruhn and Lucia Chase of the American Ballet Theatre to perform with that company in two of their productions at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House. She has also appeared in several sold-out performances of "The Nutcracker."

Stacy, who will appear in a major tour of the Orient in the months to come, is a full member of the Ballet Celest Jr. group.

The Ballet Celeste company is sponsored by the City of San Francisco and a Sears grant. It has toured coast to coast, Canada and Hawaii during the past year giving 68 performances. We are all very proud of Stacy who works hard to perfect her dancing and wish her all success.

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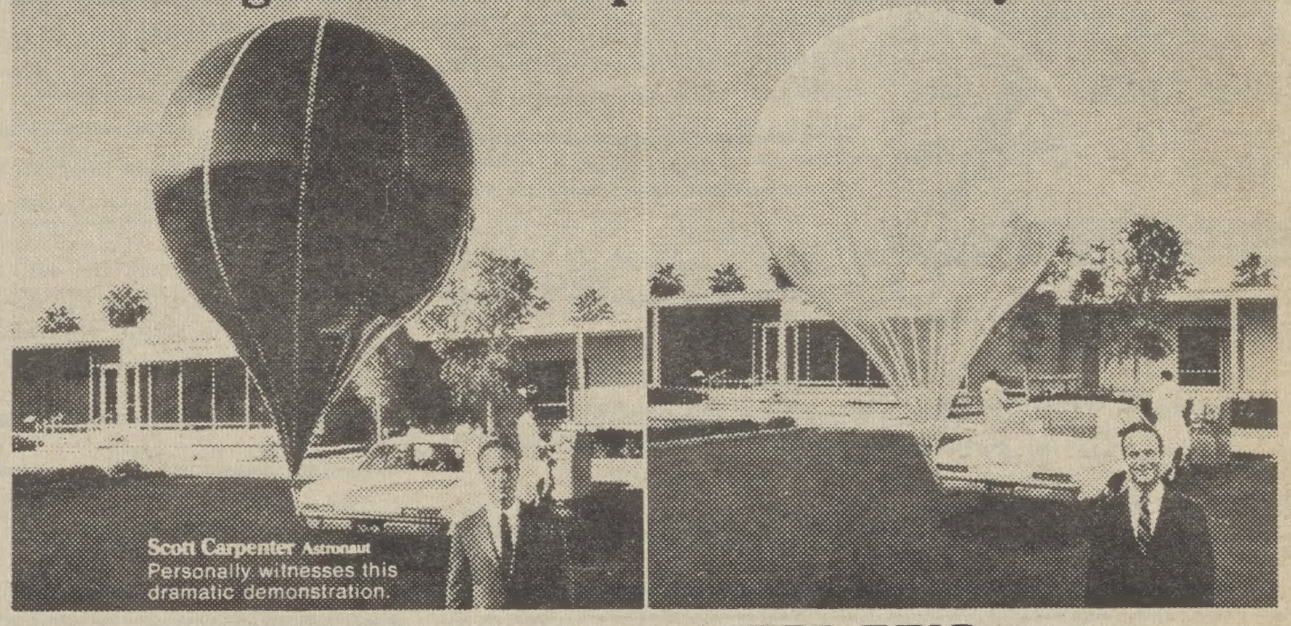

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Rodney Gehrke, organist, "Partita, Chorale and Eight Variations," by J.S. Bach (S768);

Palo Alto Junior Chamber Orchestra directed by William Whitson, the fifth Brandenberg Concerto, in D Major, by J.S. Bach (S1050). The three soloists performing with this group are from the regular (senior) Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra: Paul Ellis, violin, Lynda Harman, flute, and Timothy Bach, harpsichord: and Terry O'Connor, organist, "Concerto in A Minor," by J.S. Bach (S593).

The young group is a 19 member one, made up of junior high and high school age youngsters, from all over the peninsula. Although many graduate into the senior group, when technically and musically ready, the junior orchestra is in reality an entity of its own, and has given many performances for schools and other audiences of the area. The organization is sponsored by a corporation made up of the parents of the performers. Now in its fourth season, the orchestra is recognized as serving not only the community of Palo Alto, but also the entire state. The recent successful tour to Canada has further broadened its scope.

This chamber group, in spite of the youth of its participants, has been called: "Dazzling in its demonstration of technical skill and ensemble of playing"—"Had a highly successful debut—professional in every sense of the word"—"Teenage musicians who play like "pros" . . . Amazingly high quality.

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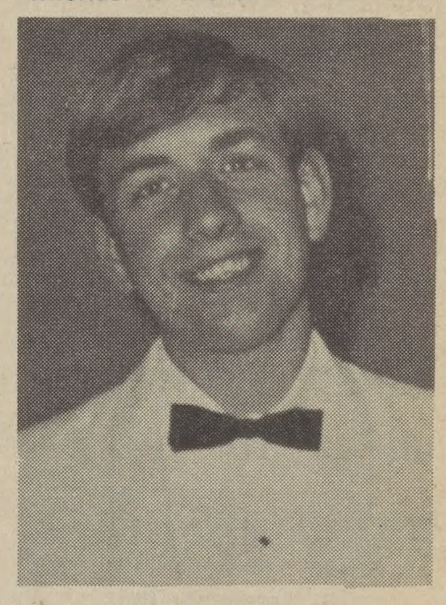
Urbanicic leaves soon for Austrian Mission

Elder Michael Urbanicic, entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake on March 21. He will attend a language training course at Brigham Young University prior to leaving for the Austrian Mission.

Michael is the son of Ivan and Della Greathouse of Martinez Ward, and was joined by family and relatives from out of town, Sunday, March 14 at a Sacrament Meeting service to honor Michael.



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Mike attended Concord High, Sacramento State schools, and regularly attended the Institute Program in various areas.

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A history of the Church in Northern California...part 1

It is possible that the course of church history for the past 125 years was profoundly influenced by an apparently minor event at Nauvoo, Ill. On April 10, 1845, Elder Samuel Brannan was "disfellowshipped and cut off" from the church.

Sam Brannan at this time was on a mission to the Atlantic states, where he was printing a small Mormon paper call the New York Messenger. He'd gotten into trouble through association with his mission president, William Smith, brother of the prophet. William was released, being replaced by Parley Pratt. Then came a letter that Brannan had been cut off.

Sam Brannan immediately set out for Nauvoo to plead his case. He was a tall young man still sallow from a bout with western fever. He arrived the day before the capstone was to be laid on the Nauvoo Temple, and in company with William Smith visited Brigham Young. What was said at this meeting is not a matter of record, but the results were profound: That evening, in council with the Twelve, "the improper course of Wm. Smith was the subject of conversation," Brigham Young recorded; while the following day Samuel Brannan was restored to fellowship.

Sam Brannan evidently had realized he'd been backing the wrong horse. Although it had been eleven months since the prophet was martyred, there were still several factions challenging the Twelve's right of leadership; the strongest was the one led by William Smith, which asserted that the Church presidency should descend by lineage, with the prophet's oldest son, Joseph Smith III, next in line. Inasmuch as Young Joseph was a boy of 13, William wanted to head the church until the future prophet came of age. But a single meeting with Brigham Young evidently convinced Brannan that the Twelve wouldn't be overthrown by William Smith. Brannan turned on William; from that moment the two were enemies, whilc Brannan himself made such an impression on Brigham Young that Sam was selected to take a shipload of Saints to San Francisco Bay.

Brigham Young wrote Brannan at New York the following Sept. 15.–

"I wish you together with your press, paper, and ten thousand of the brethren, were now in California at the Bay of San Francisco, and if you can clear yourself and go there, do so."

We know that Sam Brannan did take a shipload of Saints there, to prepare a place, he believed, for the people who would evacuate Nauvoo, and cross the plains to the Bay area. We also know that Sam Brannan was a rascal, and that Brigham Young stopped at the Salt Lake Valley.

But what if the energetic Parley Pratt, or some other man of integrity, had headed the first Mormon colony in the west? What might have been the history of our people?

Sam Brannan was of course "handled" a second time; but what would history have been, had he not been forgiven the first time?

The Main Forum

The Gospel In Perspective

HOWARD KING

The Looking Glass

Many are called but few show up!

The Lord watches over drunks, little children, and The Messenger.

On April Fools' Day, 1969, I was appointed editor of The Messenger. With a great deal of enthusiasm and no experience, I surrounded the printer, Sewall Glinternick, and bombarded him with a list of 324 creative ideas about the new Messenger.

I soon discovered that Sewall's favorite phrase was "no way! Absolutely no way!" Each time I presented aN idea, his hands would fly up in the air and he would recite his prayer: "No way! Absolutely no way." He recited it to me over and over again, as if, by repeating it often enough, he could cast a magic spell on me which would make me mute for the duration of my editorship. If he had had a rattle and some fire-powder, he would have danced around me, throwing the powder in his lead-setter machine and repeating his encantation, all the while rattling his rattle.

I had a magic phrase which gave me protection from his spell however. I discovered that if I said, often enough, "I was just thinking. I was just thinking," he would stop his muttering, light up a big black cigar (he is not a Mormon), and ask, very very quietly, "All right. What is it now?"

When his magic didn't work, he tried shouting me down. If I came to him and said, "Sewall, I've been thinking," he would yell "NO! NO! Everything you start thinking I end up doing three times as much work. STOP THINKING!"

As I would leave his shop, I would throw a handful of my own special powder in his lead-setter machine, and when the new edition of The Messenger came out, Sewall would have discovered a way to accomplish everything, despite his initial dissent.

After 15 years of printing The Messenger, Sewall ended up with two things; a sentimental attachment to The Messenter, and some encouragement to give up his smoking. He has since given it up. If I suggested to him that he migh have been influenced by 15 years of reading the Mormon news, he would of course, invoke his magic phrase, "No Way!" Perhaps not. Nevertheless, as Sewall departs after so many years as our printer (he sold his presses last month), I would like to say, thank you for find a way, Sewall, and I'll do the same fo; you sometime.

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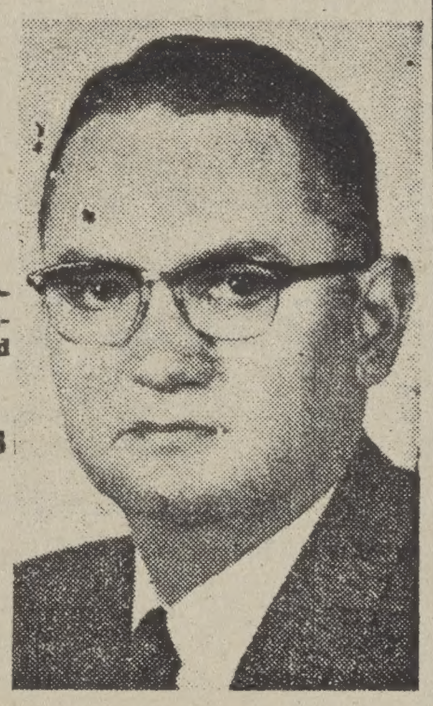

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